

## Master Recycler News

### Don't Kill Your Television (Just Yet)

There may be all sorts of reasons to hate your television (or at least unplug it when you are not using it). But the waste prevention community hopes you won't toss the tube just because of the upcoming federally mandated switch to digital. All U.S. television stations are required to switch from analog to digital-only broadcasting by Feb. 17, 2009. The switch will free up airwaves for public safety communications (i.e., police, fire and emergency rescue) and wireless services.



There is public confusion as to what this means for those who do not own a High Definition Television. Reuse places like the Salvation Army, Oregon Community Warehouse and Free Geek are worried that they will be flooded with unwanted TV's. Waste prevention advocates are concerned people will believe they must replace perfectly functional televisions.

Master Recyclers can be a big part of preventing unnecessary e-waste. Here are a few quick messages you could add to your presentations and information booths this summer:

Keeping your existing TV is the best option, both environmentally and financially.

A cable or satellite subscription will allow your analog or digital television to receive digital broadcasting.

If you use an antenna, you can purchase a converter box that easily hooks up to your television and will allow your analog TV to receive digital broadcasting. (You do need a good antenna.)

Until March 31, 2009, households can request up to two \$40 coupons from the federal government toward the purchase of eligible converter boxes. To request a coupon go to: <http://www.dtv2009.gov>

If you do choose to replace your TV the best choice is to give your old one to a friend or charity.

If the television is broken, it is important to recycle it responsibly.

For additional information and a DEQ fact sheet Go to: <http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/electronics.htm>

## Denton Plastics Tour

Tour the Facility and Meet People Who Purchase and Reprocess Plastic



18811 NE San Rafael St, Portland  
Wednesday, June 18th 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Dennis Denton of Denton Plastics in Gresham invites the Master Recyclers to tour his facility.

Each month Denton Plastics recycles more than 3 million pounds of scrap and post-consumer plastic. Local plastics manufacturers say they buy all the reprocessed material that Denton Plastics has available. Understand who is buying and selling recycled plastics, ask questions and listen to the voices of experience in the markets that keep plastics circulating in our environment. To learn more about Denton Plastics go to: [www.denplas.com](http://www.denplas.com)

Contact Robin Rogers (Class 38) at [r.8.recycling@gmail.com](mailto:r.8.recycling@gmail.com).

The tour will be limited to 30 people. Map and directions will be sent by e-mail prior to the tour date.

## SOLV and Neighborhood Cleanups: Turning Nuisance into Resource



*Lonnie Port (Class 31) orients volunteers at Woodstock Neighborhood Cleanup.*

Neighborhood Cleanups are effective strategies to clean up litter and avoid bulky waste dumping in our communities. They are also important ways for communities to come together and solve problems, raise funds, and build relationships. Now Master Recyclers are finding ways to turn what one person called junk back into a resource.

Master Recyclers take several different roles at these community events.

Sometimes they are there to inform the public by handing out flyers, staffing information booths, and writing articles. Master Recyclers also offer technical assistance and planning in their neighborhoods to identify ways to recover materials that arrive at the events. Master Recyclers attend cleanups, train volunteers on recycling, supervise material recovery, and create reuse areas to help items find new homes for items. So far, Master Recyclers have contributed more than 100 hours this season to Neighborhood Cleanups. There are others schedules. If you would

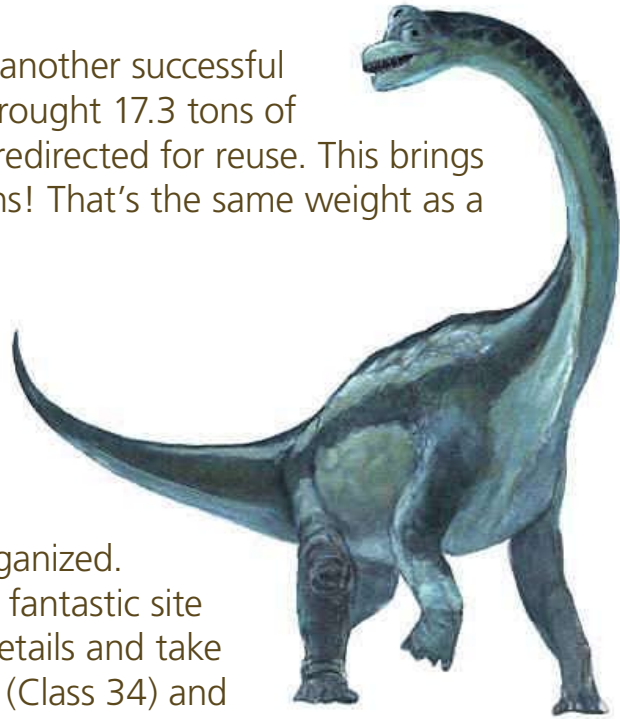
like to participate, check out the list of neighborhood cleanups that need your help in the volunteer opportunity section below.

Thank you to all the dedicated Master Recyclers for turning trash into a resource that our communities can use again!

## Master Recycler Plastics Roundup Surpasses 100 Tons of Plastics Recovered!

This spring Master Recyclers conducted yet another successful Plastics Roundup. 1800 cars (and 9 bikes) brought 17.3 tons of plastic to be recycled and another ton was redirected for reuse. This brings the total of plastics recycled to over 100 tons! That's the same weight as a Brachiosaurus!

Master Recyclers have become really efficient as well. Phone calls and e-mails came in afterward praising how fun these events are. There is plenty of time to talk to residents about the deeper educational messages, because the Roundups are so organized. None of this would be possible without the fantastic site coordinators who sign up to organize the details and take a leadership role. Thank you to **Mary Otto** (Class 34) and **Sarah Stegmuller** (Class 32) and your crew in Southeast at Floyd Light Middle School, **Lily Witham** (Class 36) and **David Allen** (Lane County Master Recycler Program), and folks in North Portland, **Mary Bellafronto** (Class 35) and **Joni Taylor** (class 37) and your Lake Oswego crew, and **Lily Todd** and **Segeni Mungai** (both class 36) and everyone at Rock Creek.



*Lake Oswego crew celebrates recycling 5 tons of plastic at their site.*

## Welcome Class 38!

After a whirlwind start (with the class filling in 2 minutes), Class 38 will complete its last class May 28. This crew is a creative and thoughtful bunch and I know they will do great things. Please welcome them as you meet them tabling at the various community events this summer.



*Stephen Upchurch demonstrates the Class 38 enthusiasm.*

## Certified Master Recyclers

**Ron Calkins** (Class 36) marched out the first chance he got to set up a series of tables at the Hillsboro Farmer's Market. Continuing with his enthusiasm, Ron canvassed on the new roll carts and worked on an Earth Day booth at Pacific University. It's great to have such a strong Forest Grove advocate!



*PLA or Plastic? Jim helps North Portland resident learn to read labels*

**Jim Maddry** (Class 36) has been busy with rollcart outreach in Northeast Portland on the new roll carts. He also signed on to become a presenter for the Northwest Earth Institute's Eco-parties. So expect to see lots more of Jim!

**Brenda Demaree** (Class 37) made the three R's a way a life at the Purdy Paintbrush factory where she is a manager. Her Green Team introduced recycling, Portland Composts! waste prevention strategies, fun incentives and even a really cool video on all their efforts.

**Robin Dunitz** (Class 37) Robin was featured in the last newsletter for her great work in recovering materials at a NE SOLV cleanup. Robin volunteers with Habitat for Humanity Restore and is actively working to identify better ways to recover carpet. She has also been active in roll cart outreach in North Portland.



*Brenda on Earth Day at Lloyd Center*

**Rob Kappa** (Class 37) How many people can say they finished the Master Gardner and Master Recycler classes at the same time? Rob does so with relish. While Rob tabled at schools and other community events and worked with Robin for the SOLV event, his real passion has been composting. He's ready to take it to a whole new level working to create a Compost Mentor program.

And finally, we don't really have a category for someone who has completed *300 hours*, so we'll just send out a big thank you to **Paul Barton** (Class 1). Three hundred hours is a great accomplishment.

Thank you to all of you for your incredible commitment to conserving our natural resources!

## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Residential Rollcart Recycling Program-Informational Canvassing**

Join the campaign to tell Portland residents about the new recycling and yard debris roll carts! Diverse community groups will be participating in a large scale outreach effort to ensure that people know the right way to recycle and why it is so important. Your participation is an important part of this effort.

Cully Neighborhood Grace Presbyterian Church 6025 NE Prescott  
Saturday, May 31st 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Contact: Molly Chidsey, (503)890-7624, mollychidsey@yahoo.com

Kenton Neighborhood  
Saturday, June 7th 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Contact: Mike Salmond, MSal989046@aol.com

St. Johns Neighborhood  
Saturday, June 21st 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Contact: Mike Salmond, MSal989046@aol.com

### **Join the Sellwood-Moreland Green Team**

Bill Steimer (Class 34) invites Master Recyclers from the Sellwood-Moreland area to join a green team. Bill writes:

"Having a local 'green team' feels pretty good to us and we could do more in the way of projects at the roots-of-the-grassroots level if we had Master Recyclers right in our own neighborhood who would like to join in.

“We’ve cleaned bus stops, formed a sustainable-foods group, and staffed a neighborhood cleanup for Woodstock. We’re considering a next project of reconditioning bicycles to send to the flooded area in China. Many hands, light work.”

Contact: Bill Steimer, 60bigtime2005@gmail.com

### **Central Eastside Rotary Club Presentation**

141st and Glisan, Portland

Pick a Thursday in June 7 – 7:30 a.m.

The Rotary Club invites a Master Recycler to present. Check out a kit with literature and display and talk about the new roll cart system, what happens to recycling after it leaves the curb, and answer questions. Breakfast is included.

To sign up: Eric Johnson, (503)665-5227

To check out a kit: J Lauren Norris, (503)823-7530, masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us

### **Blue Lake Park Recycling**

Between Marine Drive and Sandy Boulevard off Northeast 223rd Ave., Troutdale

June through September – Any weekend date or time

Master Recycler Annie West started a new recycling system last year that led to a 13.5% increase in recycling. Help make her efforts even better this year. Spend time wandering through beautiful Blue Lake Park on bike or foot, or staff an information table on recycling. Pick any weekend day. You’ll be handing out stickers, pencils, and magnets and making recycling easy and fun! Spanish and Russian skills are especially useful, but not necessary. Blue Lake Park online: <http://www.metro-region.org/index.cfm/go/by.web/id/149>

Contact: Annie West (Class 34), westa@metro.dst.or.us

### **Yamhill Community Garden Compost Workshop**

Yamhill Community Garden, 19309 SE Yamhill St., Gresham

Wednesday, May 28th 1 – 2:30 p.m.

These are very fun workshops that attract a lot of the Gresham neighborhood residents. There will be snacks and drinks, and crafts for the kids to partake in during the workshops.

Contact: Rachel Zarfes, (503) 618-2789, Rzarfas@yahoo.com

## **Mount Hood Community College Track and Field Meet Recycling Co-Coordinator**

MHCC NE 17th and Kane Dr. (257th Ave.), Gresham  
Saturday, May 31st, 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Rachel Zarfes (Class 36) invites a Master Recycler to work with her on this pilot project. Help organize recycling at a Mount Hood Community College track meet as part of the City of Gresham's efforts to develop a Special Events Recycling Program.

Contact: Rachel Zarfes, 503-618-2789, rachel.zarfes@ci.gresham.or.us

**Don't forget to log  
your volunteer hours**

**Visit [www.masterrecycler.org](http://www.masterrecycler.org)  
and click on the Members tab.**

**Username: MasterRecycler  
Password: master**

## **Beaverton Neighborhood Cleanup**

At the former Westgate Theatre site  
3950 SW Cedar Hills Boulevard,  
Beaverton.

June 7th 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Beaverton neighborhood invites a Master Recycler to hand out flyers about plastics recycling during this community event.

Contact: Karen Olson  
(503)646-4108, Karinolson@msn.com

## **Bridger School Barbecue and Celebration**

7910 SE Market St. Portland  
Saturday, June 7th 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Bridger School Parent Teacher Association invites a Master Recycler to an end of the year barbecue and celebration. Engage the parents and kids with a table or workshop.

Contact: J Lauren Norris, (503)823-7530, masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us

## **Ross Island Kiwanis Club**

SE 42nd and Woodstock, Portland  
Friday, June 13th 7 a.m.

Check out the Portland Recycles! kit and present on residential recycling at this Kiwanis breakfast meeting (free breakfast included!). Explain the new system,

what goes in the carts, and what happens to recyclables after they leave the curb. Presentations usually last about 40 minutes plus a question and answer period.

Contact: J Lauren Norris, (503)823-7530, masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us

### **Portland Farmers Market**

PSU Park Blocks, Portland  
June 21st 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Join Mary Ann Pastene (Class 37) to talk to residents about precycling and durables.

Contact: Mary Ann Pastene, mpastene@blue-monkey.com

### **Oregon City Farmer's Market**

2051 S Kaen Rd, Oregon City  
Saturday, June 21st 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (or 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m./ 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. if volunteer can only work part of the day)

Table on recycling or a topic of your choice.

Contact: Sherri Dow, 503-353-4463, sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us

### **Sunday Parkways**

North Portland (Four locations – see below)  
Sunday, June 22nd, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.



What do recycling, transportation options and parks have in common? Seeking three or four Master Recyclers to join in Transportation's fun-filled opportunity to walk, bike, skateboard, run, and roll on six miles of traffic-free streets in North Portland. The route will be connecting four parks - Arbor Lodge, Peninsula, Unthank and Overlook which each have fun activities. Two Master Recyclers will roll the new green yard debris and new blue recycling roll cart through the course. One or two will staff an information table at one of the parks.

For more information on Sunday Parkways, please visit <http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/index.cfm?c=46103>

Shifts:

Info booth: 8 – 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Cart walk: 10 a.m. – on (Or a shorter option can be arranged.)

Contact: J Lauren Norris, (503)823-7530, masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us

## **Eco-friendly Home & Garden Club Recycling Presentation**

Old Wives Tales 1300 E Burnside, Portland  
Wednesday, June 25th 7 p.m.

This garden club invites a Master Recycler to offer a presentation on recycling and the new roll carts.

Contact: Tamara, 503-520-0470, tkodoot@prunw.com

## **East Moreland Neighborhood Cleanup**

7700 SE Reed College Pl, Portland  
Saturday, June 26th 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Help with plastics recycling at this neighborhood cleanup.

Contact: Karen Williams, (503)772-0129,  
karenwilliamstree@comcast.net

## **Good in the Neighborhood**

King School Park, 4815 NE 7th Ave, Portland  
Saturday, June 28th and Sunday, June 29th  
Shifts are 12 – 4:15 p.m. and 4 – 9 p.m.

Talk about the new recycling carts at Good in the Neighborhood, a multicultural music and food festival held annually in N/NE Portland. The festival features the best entertainment in the NW, a variety of cultural food vendors, an Information Village, a Kid Space arts and craft area, and an ethnic marketplace.

Contact: J Lauren Norris, (503)823-7530, masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us

## **Cully Neighborhood Electronics and Plastics Recycling**

Now through September  
Madison High School 2735 NE 82nd Ave, Portland

Help plan plastics recycling at this neighborhood fundraiser/recycling event. Bear eCycling will collect e-waste. A couple of Master Recyclers are needed to organize the plastics recycling. The event takes place in September, but they need to know now if a Master Recycler will take the lead on organizing this before they announce the event.

Contact: J Lauren Norris, (503)823-7530, masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us



# Conservation News

## **Exposed: Chemicals in Everyday Life Forum**

McMenamins Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey St., Troutdale  
Monday, June 9th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Produced by Metro and the Washington State Department of Ecology as part of the 2008 Northwest Hazardous Materials Management Conference.

Award-winning journalist Mark Schapiro, editorial director for the Berkeley, CA based Center for Investigative Reporting, will headline the forum, which offers a practical look at the politics, health impacts and environmental challenges of toxic chemicals. Additional speakers include Steven Gilbert, founder and director of the Seattle based Institute of Neurotoxicology and Neurological Disorders, and Professor Richard Kool of British Columbia's Royal Roads University.

To register for the forum in advance: [www.nahmma.org](http://www.nahmma.org). Cost is \$15 and includes lunch, unless registering at the door. For more information, contact Lisa Heigh at 503-797-1611 or [lisa.heigh@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:lisa.heigh@oregonmetro.gov).

## **Drugs in the Water: How our Medicine Cabinets are Contaminating Nature**

Doubletree Hotel-Lloyd Center (1000 NE Multnomah, Portland)  
Thursday, June 19th 6 – 8 p.m.

What happens to those pharmaceuticals that hospitals, nursing homes, and patients flush down the toilet? What is the effect of the effluent from manufacturing them? Ilene Ruhoy, MD will discuss why prescription drugs go unused, how prescription drugs enter the environment, the potential consequences, and how to address this issue. Dr. Ruhoy is an Associate Professor at Touro University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Las Vegas and a researcher with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She is completing her doctoral dissertation on pharmaceuticals in the environment at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

\$35 per event (\$25 for OEC members and employees of nonprofit or governmental agencies). Register no later than June 16th. For more information and to register, visit:

<http://www.oeconline.org/kidshealth/healthprofessionals/healthforum/view?searchterm=health%20forum>



# Job Opportunities

## **Portland Energy Conservation, Inc. (PECI) - Senior Project Coordinator**

Portland Energy Conservation, Inc. (PECI) is a nonprofit corporation developing and implementing innovative approaches to energy and resource efficiency. Peci is looking for a strong Senior Project Coordinator to work within the Commercial-Retail sector on the EnergySmart Grocer program. This role is part of a team that last year alone helped grocers reduce energy which resulted in avoiding burning more than 20 million pounds of coal.

If you are interested in this position, please visit <http://peci.org/careers.html>.

## **Office of Sustainable Development Communications Manager**

For full description or to apply, please visit:

<http://www.ci.portland.or.us/jobs/08-128/08-128.htm>

## **Office of Sustainable Development – Business Recycling Programs Program Assistant**

For full description or to apply, please visit:

<http://www.ci.portland.or.us/jobs/08-124/08-124.htm>

## **Conservation Services Group (CSG) Training Assistant**

CSG is seeking a Training Assistant for its Portland office. This office is responsible for administering the Energy Trust of Oregon's Existing Homes Home Energy Solutions Program and ENERGY STAR New Homes Program.

For more information on this job and others visit [http://www.csgrp.com/careers\\_index.html](http://www.csgrp.com/careers_index.html)



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